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Morale, Welfare and Recreation FORSCOM Well-Being Award

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(USAR), and Army National Guard (ARNG).

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1. General

The FORSCOM Well-Being Award is a reward for Army spouses/family members whose achievements and performance merit special recognition. This award is a means of recognizing those who have contributed significantly to the well-being of soldiers and their families during mobilization and deployments through Family Readiness Group participation.

2. Purpose

This regulation provides information and administrative instructions for the FORSCOM Well-Being Award for outstanding volunteer service, an award beyond the authority of the installation or CONUSA level.

3. Eligibility

Spouses (male and female) or other family members of Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve soldiers of all ranks are eligible. All eligible volunteers will have equal eligibility without consideration of military member's rank or position.

4. Administration

- a. The FORSCOM G-1 Human Resources Division will exercise overall program administration at MACOM level.
- b. Subordinate commands will have procedures in place to administer program at local level within the appropriate G-1 office (responsibility will not be delegated to lower levels). Responsibilities will include reviewing FORSCOM Well-Being Award packets in conjunction with the Mission Commander or Command Sergeant Major (CSM) as well as the oversight and monitoring of award recipients at their appropriate levels.
- c. The FORSCOM Well-Being Award is a prestigious award to recognize volunteer service that makes a substantial contribution and has a positive impact on the well-being of soldiers and their families.
- d. The FORSCOM Well-Being Award is not part of the Department of the Army awards program and should not compete with other established awards. It will not be used in lieu of awards for commendation, meritorious service, or routine departure or as an interim award while awaiting Department of the Army awards.
- e. The FORSCOM Well-Being Award is not a short term or single event recognition. An individual may receive only one FORSCOM Well-Being Award.
- f. The FORSCOM Well-Being Award will be presented at a ceremony commensurate with this level of award.

5. Criteria

- a. Eligible spouses/family members who have distinguished themselves by exceptional volunteer service contributing to the mission of the Army and to the welfare of the Army family may be nominated for the FORSCOM Well-Being Award.
- b. The intent of this award is to recognize those eligible spouses/family members whose service to our country is in the form of volunteering and is often "behind the scenes." Their way of life is marked by their efforts to improve their communities and enhance the overall military lifestyle. Nominees for the FORSCOM Well-Being Award must have accomplished the following:
- (1) Provided distinguished volunteer service resulting in a measurable contribution to mission and directly benefit soldiers and/or their families or be readily identified as bringing great credit on the Army family.
- (2) Be an active member/supporter of a unit Family Readiness Group or an individual who actively supports (in a clearly distinguishable manner) a military organization which does not have an organized Family Readiness Group.
- c. Level of individual sacrifice and dedication should be considered. Merit, quality, and impact of volunteer accomplishment(s)/contribution(s) should also be considered. The length of time spent in a volunteer position or number of volunteer hours may be included but are not required. Quality, not quantity, should be the rule.
 - d. Volunteer service may be at several installations/units of assignment.
- e. Volunteer must not have received a monetary incentive for acts or contributed services being considered for award.
- f. Individual must have previously received the FORSCOM Commander's Award for Volunteer Service.

6. Nomination

- a. Nominations for this award should be forwarded in progression following issuance of all applicable local installation/CONUSA commander awards. Issuances of DA awards are not a prerequisite for receiving this award. If a commander feels that an individual has distinguished him/herself in an exceptionally meritorious manner and has not received local awards, a nomination may be submitted.
- b. Nominations for this award should be forwarded by memorandum to Commander, US Army Forces Command (AFPE-HR), 1777 Hardee Avenue SW, Fort McPherson, Georgia 30330-1062, with:

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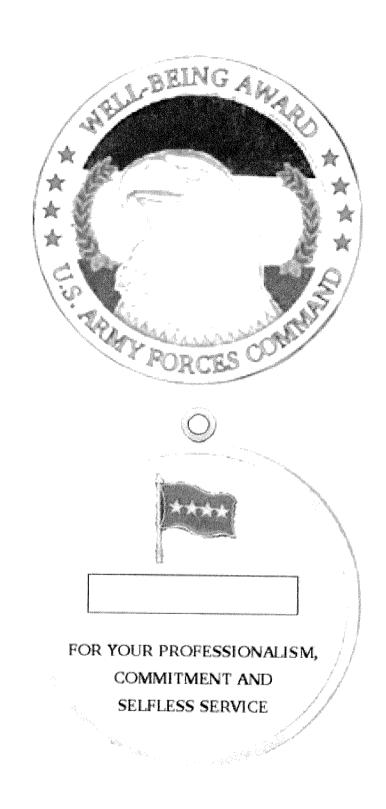
- (1) A justification clearly specifying the exceptional volunteer contribution that warrants MACOM recognition.
 - (2) A document delineating that the eligibility criteria have been met.
 - (3) The signature of the installation or CONUSA commander.
 - (4) A list of previously received awards.
 - (5) Date of desired presentation.
- c. Nominations will be reviewed promptly. A minimum of **30 days** is required to process award certificates. Nomination packets not meeting required standards for the FORSCOM Well-Being Award will be reviewed to determine appropriate local recognition for the volunteer's contribution(s).

7. Award Presentation.

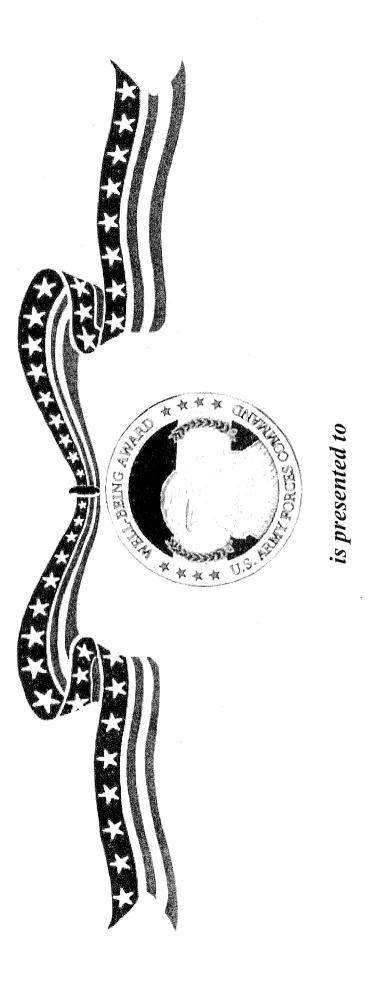
- a. Local commanders will arrange appropriate presentation ceremonies.
- b. Whenever possible, the CG will present the award on a regularly scheduled trip to the installation or CONUSA. When this is not possible, a designee will be named to present the award.
- c. The award may be presented individually or during volunteer recognition activities. Presentation ceremonies should be appropriate for the prestigious nature of this award.
- d. Appropriate publicity should accompany the presentation of this award to the local recipient.

APPENDIX A - Forces Command Well-Being Medal

APPENDIX B – Forces Command Well Being Award Certificate



Appendix 1 – FORSCOM Well-Being Award Medallion



YOUR PROFESSIONALISM, COMMITMENT, AND SELFLESS SERVICE WERE INSTRUMENTAL FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN YOUR UNIT'S FAMILY READINESS GROUP. YOUR EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS SOLDIERS EXEMPLIFY YOUR CRITICAL ROLE AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY FAMILY TEAM. IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS AND IN THE SUCCESS OF THE US ARMY FORCES COMMAND MISSION DURING OPERATION OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON YOU, US ARMY DEDICATION TO MAINTAINING STABILITY FOR THE FAMILIES OF OUR DEPLOYED FORCES COMMAND, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY

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